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SUBJECT: CHANNEL TUNNEL

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1. IT NOW APPEARS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH AND FRENCH CHANNEL TUNNEL COMPANIES, WHICH UK HAD HOPED TO CONCLUDE BY JULY 31, WILL NOT WIND-UP BEFORE LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. OBJECT OF THE TALKS IS TO WORK OUT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, PARTICULARLY SHARING OUT OF PROFITS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS ON ONE HAND AND PRIVATE TUNNEL COMPANIES ON THE OTHER DURING EARLY YEARS OF TUNNEL OPERATION (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO SIR EUGENE MELVILLE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR TUNNEL PROJECT, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PROGRESSED SLOWLY BUT, IN HIS VIEW, ALL PARTIES ARE NEAR AGREEMENT. SOME TECHNICAL DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, HOWEVER, AND HEAVY AUGUST VACATION SCHEDULES HAVE LED TO A STRETCH-OUT OF NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE. MELVILLE IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT PROJECT IS STILL ON TRACK, THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED SHORTLY AND THAT PROJECT WILL

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RECEIVE CABINET APPROVAL BY EARLY SEPTEMBER. ASSUMING

THIS TIMETABLE, PROJECT WILL THEN GO BEFORE PARLIAMENT
WHEN IT RECONVENES IN OCTOBER.

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